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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1 & 2
TAGS: UR, US
SUBJECT: SHCHARANSKY TRIAL

REF: STATE 171010

1. I AM AGAIN STRUCK BY IMPERTINENCE OF SOVIETS IN
MESSAGE ON SHCHARANSKY TRIAL HANDED YOU JULY 6, JUST A
DAY BEFORE TODAY'S TASS ANNOUNCEMENT. LAST SENTENCE
OF MESSAGE IS PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE SINCE, AS WE
KNOW, SHCHARANSKY HAD NO CONNECTIONS WITH U.S.
INTELLIGENCE.

2. I SHALL BE RECOMMENDING THROUGH REGULAR CHANNEL
THAT WE CANCEL WITH PUBLICITY EPA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR
BLUM'S VISIT (JULY 8-14) BECAUSE OF THE GINSBURG AND
SHCHARANSKY TRIALS AND CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF
CANCELLING DR. PRESS' SCHEDULED VISIT (JULY 16-22) IF
GINSBURG AND SHCHARANSKY ARE GIVEN HARSH SENTENCES, AS
IS TO BE EXPECTED. THIS WILL PROBABLY BE READ BY
SOVIETS AS ATTEMPT ON OUR PART TO "BOOST" ANTI-SOVIET
CAMPAIGN, BUT I FEEL WE HAVE NO CHOICE.

3. REGARDING YOUR SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH GROMYKO
NEXT WEEK, I RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING AHEAD ON
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SALT AND OF AVOIDING A SITUATION WHEREBY EXTRANEIOUS
ISSUES IMPINGE UPON IT. HOWEVER, THE SOVIET DECISION
TO STAGE THESE TWO TRIALS THE VERY WEEK OF YOUR MEETING
WILL BE SEEN BY SOME AS A CALCULATED AFFRONT (AFTER
ALL, THERE SEEMS NO COMPELLING REASON WHY SOVIETS
COULD NOT HAVE DEFERRED TRIALS UNTIL FOLLOWING WEEK)
AND DOES RAISE THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE GROMYKO

MEETING SHOULD PROCEED WITHOUT REGARD TO SIMULTANEOUS
EVENTS IN MOSCOW AND KALUGA. TOON

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